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Governmental Advisory Committee

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Mr. Cherine Chalaby
Chair
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Subject: Answers to Board clarifying questions on GAC San Juan Advice related to the list of IGOs Names

Dear Cherine,

In response to your [letter](#) dated 25 April 2018, please find below the GAC's answers to the Board's clarifying questions regarding Advice issued in the [ICANN61 San Juan Communiqué](#) related to the list of IGO Names.

(1) Which lists are the subject of the Advice: the list of IGO Names, or the list of Identifiers/Acronyms, or both?

Both. See answer to question No. 2 for the reasons.

(2) What is the nature of the assistance that the GAC believes may be needed of the ICANN organization in order to ensure that the GAC's lists are accurate and complete?

Confirming the contact information for the IGOs with which we are not in regular contact/have not been able to contact so that we can (a) confirm their preferred two full names (to be placed on the permanent reserve list), (b) try to ensure that there are no additional IGOs that fulfil the agreed criteria and that do not appear on the list, and (c) notify them of any future changes regarding protections of their identifiers.

(3) Could the GAC confirm that it remains the authoritative organization to determine which IGOs are to be protected, including the IGO's specific name, acronym and applicable language(s) as well as to determine any updates that are to be made to the list?

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As the representative of governments and IGOs to ICANN, the GAC has ensured up to this point that the interests of these constituencies are voiced in ICANN processes. Part of this has been agreeing upon appropriate criteria for determining what constitutes an IGO for the purposes of ICANN's DNS-related protections. Given its composition and role, the GAC does seem best placed to continue to fulfil these functions, e.g. facilitating discussions and interfacing between IGOs and ICANN (who would maintain the aforementioned list). The GAC cannot assume other activities as it currently lacks the resources to be able to carry out such roles effectively.

(4) What mechanism does the GAC believe should be utilized to remove a name or identifier from the List i.e., for adding or deleting a name or identifier from the list ?

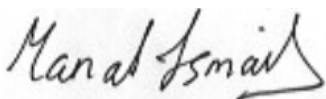
An IGO wishing to remove its identifiers from the IGO List could inform ICANN (by email) via the GAC Secretariat, provided that the notification comes from a duly authorised official at the IGO who confirms that s/he has the authority to do so (and if not the designated individual, copying the listed GAC Observer for that particular IGO, for assurance purposes). ICANN should then inform this IGO of the consequences in writing where the IGO is requested to acknowledge the consequences of the requested action.

(4b) Can the GAC confirm that it is possible to have a scenario where an IGO's name (but not acronym) is deleted such that the deleted name becomes available for third parties while the acronym remains under protection, and vice versa (i.e., where the acronym is deleted but not the name)?

The matter of IGOs potentially opting out from either one of the protections afforded to their names or acronyms is seen as a separate matter from the maintenance of the IGO List and not within the scope of this advice.

We look forward to the Board's consideration of these clarifications of the related GAC Advice.

Yours sincerely,



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